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#### Push the "Little Joker."

To the Editor:—I would like to say a few words for the benefit, if it may be such, of Bro. W. E. M. and others in like fix, as I am in the same boat.

It must be acknowledged that for over a hundred years we have been fighting the same battle; what have we gained? Politics! Politics! That's all, and a few insignificant laws that as soon as there is a way to make use of them some court decides that they don't mean what they say.

We then pay men who don't know what they mean, to make laws that the courts don't or won't know what they mean, provided they are for the benefit of the majority.

I would like for any brother working man to tell me of one law that was made for the many instead of the few that has not been thrown down as soon as there was a use for it.

Judge Brentano's decision in the Chicago stockyards case is equivalent to saying that the laws of Chicago only apply to the fire limits. You see it was only working men and women to be burned or poisoned by the violation of the law.

But we have a cure for our ills. It is as sure as that the sun rises and sets. It is in the union label. They might try but they can't legislate it out; if they did it would cost us no more to print fair lists of goods to distribute among the union men.

What is the difference if Tom, Dick or Harry or any other scab be President of the United States if WE won't buy scab goods?

Our union men and their wives are a plenty. If they alone demand the label

it will be sufficient.

The capitalist class run most of the stores, not for fun but for profit.

If you wont have their goods without the label they will soon get goods with the label.

Will your neighbor be in a humor to help you when you need him if you do not act and advocate help for others? Let each and every one say, "If I can't find this or that with the label, I can stand it to wait a few days until I can find it with the label. Then I will have more money to spend with the fair man when I find him. Almost everything imaginable can now be purchased with the label.

chased with the label.

Why waste time on politics, especially at such a time when enemies are at the head of both the leading tickets, when we have a friend (the label) that has done more for us in a week than poli-

tics has in an hundred years.

Preach the label for breakfast!

Preach the label for dinner!

Preach the label for supper!

And more converts can be made in an hour than in politics in a year.

I would advocate a fine for any man appearing in a labor parade wearing any article not bearing the union label.

Dubbs.

#### "Socialism Spells Anarchy."

To the editor of Catholic Columbian:

—In the issue of your paper of August
20th you say:

"Mr. Donnelly, leader of the stock yard strike in Chicago, is a Socialist. That shows that he is badly informed on the labor question. Socialism spells anarchy, government oppression and labor slavery. Its fundamental principles cannot be held by a Christian."

The fact that Mr. Donnelly has become a Socialist, if he has really become one, indicates not "that he is badly informed on the labor question," but rather that he is beginning to understand what the labor movement, means

stand what the labor movement means. Your assertion that "Socialism spells anarchy, government oppression and labor slavery" is simply a false assertion, tinged with more or less of malice,

and that is all.

But you are making known to the working class (and they will understand how to profit by the knowledge) the position you occupy in this struggle between the working class and the capitalist class.

You are for the capitalists and against the workers; for the fleecers and against their victims; for the robbers and against the robbed; for the rich and

against the robbed; for the rich and against the poor.

You say: "Its fundamental princi-

ples cannot be held by a Christain."

They cannot, eh? And why not? Is Christianity so thoroughly and irrevocably committed to the perpetuation of the institution of wage slavery that in order to espouse the cause of economic equality of industrial freedom, one must abandon the Christian religion?

I can hardly believe this, your dictum to this effect notwithstanding. But suppose your theory, or rather

But suppose your theory, or rather your assertion, that Christianity is irreconsiderable with the fundamental principles of Socialism were true. What

then? It would simply mean a gradual loss to the church of the most intelligent, active, ambitious and independent element of its working class members who

feel capable of doing their own political

thinking and voting for themselves.

I know that you are always ready and even eager to receive endorsements at the hands of rich men; but can you afford to alienate from the church the good will of hundreds of thousands of workingmen in order to gain rich men's gold?

If you can, it will only go to show that the suspicion (which in many quarters already amounts to conviction) that the salvation of souls is not the only business of your profession, is not altogether unfounded.

Why did you not tell your readers what the fundamental principles of Socialism are, and then explain why a Christian cannot hold them?

If the fundamental principles of Socialism are erroneous, will you please point wherein? Or do you expect your readers to accept your editorial opinions as infallible utterances and your decisions as authoritative decrees?

When you say a Christian cannot be a Socialist, cannot support the Socialist party or vote its ticket, you mean that so far as your power to prevent it extends the Christain citizens of this republic shall exercise at their peril the constitutional right of affiliating with that political organization their best judgment approves.

Socialists hold that the people of every country should have the right of self government; that it is the right of the majority to determine the form of government or organized society under which they are to live; that, if the working class shall be convinced that it is to their interest to organize themselves into a class political party to advance their class interests, they have the right to do so; and that, if said working class constitute the majority in any nation, they have the right to govern said nation, if they see fit to do so.

Do you say a Christian cannot hold to these principles? Socialists hold to these principles, and they are educating and organizing their fellow-workingmen of the world to hold with them the fundamental truth that the land of every nation should be owned collectively by the people of that nation; that the machinery of production and distribution should be owned by those who produce and operate it; that, consequently, rent, interest and profit should be abolished; that those who will not work, being able to work, shall not eat.

Now, do you say a Christian cannot hold these principles? Will you please point out wherein they are wrong? If you cannot point out wherein

Socialists are wrong, you cannot expect us to abandon our convictions.

JAS. H. ARNOLD.

WORLD'S FAIR OF 1904.

"Ohio Valley Worker" Will Pay Expense of Trip for Contest Winners.

Elsewhere in this issue the announcement of a popularity contest may be found, the prize being a trip to the St. Louis World's Fair at the expense

of the Worker.

This is the most generous offer ever placed before the union men of the Falls Cities. Read the conditions of the contest and be convinced.

To summarize them they are as follows:
The most popular union man in
LOUISVILLE, with his wife, mother,
daughter or sister, will be sent to the
World's Fair, as the guest of the Ohio
VALLEY WORKER, transportation and
hotel bills (to the amount of \$1.50 per
day each or \$3.00 per day for the two),
to remain six days, this paper to bear

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The most popular union man in NEW ALBANY, with his wife, mother, daughter or sister, will be sent to the World's Fair, as the guest of the Ohio Valley Worker, transportation and hotel bills (to the amount of \$..50 per day each or \$3.00 per day for the two), to remain six days, this paper to bear the cost.

The most popular union man in JEF-FERSONVILLE, with his wife, mother, daughter or sister, will be sent to the World's Fair, as the guest of the Ohio Valley Worker, transportation and hotel bills (to the amount of \$1.50 per day each or \$6.00 per day for the two), to remain six days, this paper to bear the cost.

As the Worker is the official paper of central bodies in the three cities named, we make the same identical proposition in each case. Anybody can vote in this contest, but in casting your vote be sure to state in which city your candidate resides, so that the vote may be properly tabulated under the name of the city to which the candidate be-

longs.

Here is the chance for some man and his wife, daughter, mother or sister to take in the World's Fair Free—a couple from each of the Falls Cities. Who will it be?

—Mr. John Weber, the popular barber at Baxter Ave. and Broadway, is spending a couple of weeks at White Mills, Ky., with his wife.

#### Farmers' Union in the South.

The growth of the Farmers' union has alarmed the congressional trust and the trust which is behind the congressional trust. Two years hence the machine slate may be smashed to smithereens and it would be a splendid thing for the State. Should the pnion continue to grow, numerically speaking, every politician in the State will grow bunions on his hands and Johnson grass in the garden. The politician catches on without delay. In the big black land counties unions are being organized daily and the farmers are taking hold with a vim.-Dallas (Texas) Times-Herald.

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#### WHO WILL IT BE?

The contest commences with the issue of this date (July 9th) and will close at noon on Thursday, October 6th.

The following rules will govern the contest, viz: With every paid up subscription for one-year the subscriber will be entitled to 100 votes, for each six months' subscription he will be entitled to forty votes, and for each coupon cut out of the paper and sent in you will have one vote, and which will be recorded and published weekly in the WORKER.

The contest will close Thursday, October 6th, at 12 o'clock noon, and the contestant receiving the highest number of votes will be given Two Round Trip Tickets (for self and wife, or daughter, mother or sister) to St. Louis World's Fair, and hotel expenses at \$1.50 per day for six days for each of the two persons going.

This is a splendid opportunity for some popular union man with

This is a splendid opportunity for some popular union man with one member of his family to secure a Trip to the World's Fair, and the WORKER urges that every labor union take the matter up and place some of their popular members in the contest. Start the movement at once. (Officers and directors of the Union Printing Company are not eligible as candidates for this honor.)

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